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In re Application of:
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Title: Combining NMR, Density and High Frequency Dielectric Logging Measurements for Improved Formation Evaluation

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Response and Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Ma'am:

In response to the Office Action dated March 3, 2005, please enter the following response and amendment.

Introductory Remarks

Claims 5, 10, 16, 20-24 and 29 are objected to for lack of antecedent basis. These claims have been amended to correct the defect or cancelled. Claims 1-5, 8, 10-12 and 30 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Lew. Claims 6, 7, 31 and 32 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lew. Claims 28 and 29 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schoen. Applicant acknowledge the

With respect to claim 30, the Office Action cites a section of Lew mentioning 'bulk density' at col. 2:28-39. However, this section only discusses the short-comings of previous approaches to determine cut-ratios. Specifically, this section states that a small change in oil density results in a large error. However, this section nowhere suggests that a combination of NMR measurements with bulk density measurement is desirable or useful. Further, there is nothing in the remainder of the Lew patent that explicitly or implicitly discloses such a combination. Instead, as described above, Lew relates exclusively to the use of NMR measurements alone. (See Abstract) There is simply no discussion in Lew of making or using measurements other than that obtained with an NMR acquisition.

CONCLUSION

The Applicants believe this paper is fully responsive to each and every ground of rejection and objection cited by the Examiner, and respectfully request that the application proceed to grant.

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Respectfully submitted,



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